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Kosher food obtainable on request

MONTREAL –

Kosher meals will be made available on request to Jewish patients at all Montreal hospitals, reports E. Michael Berger, a representative of the socio-economic groups on the Montreal Health and Social Services Regional Council.

"Kashruth is a basic principle of Jewish identification for the observant and traditional Jew," said Berger, "and the policy represents a tremendous influence on a patient's feeling of well-being."

Berger, a noted Montreal lawyer who is chairman of the Allied Jewish Community Services social legislation committee, was instrumental in proposing the new policy.

He emphasized the council does not consider the availability of kosher food for Jewish patients as a privilege, but as a right belonging to all members of the Jewish faith.

In December, a letter written by Gilles Gaudreault, the general manager of Region 6A (Montreal) -- which represents some 40% of the Quebec population -- was distributed to the heads of the hospital establishments.

The letter stated that "this wish (for kashruth) of the Montreal Jewish community was unanimously endorsed by the members of the coun-

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Joseph Almogi (second from right), Israel minister of labor and mayor-elect of Haifa, greets Stephen Berger (left), Toronto UJA chairman, before a dinner Saturday night honoring Berger as Man of the Quarter Century. Looking on is Dr. A. Epstein (second from left), dinner co-chairman, and Murray B. Koffler, 1974 UJA-IEF campaign chairman.

'Israel is facing most hopeful and most dangerous situation'

TORONTO –

Israel is now facing both her most dangerous and most hopeful situation, says Joseph Almogi, mayor-elect of Haifa and an Israeli cabinet minister since 1962.

Speaking to about 900 persons at the United Jewish Appeal campaign windup dinner Sunday at the Royal York Hotel, the labor minister said: "Now we've reached a period of decision, a period of 'either - or'. We're now summing up 26 years of independence. In our hands is the 'either - or'. We have to be more determined to do everything we did until now -- only better."

The veteran politician began his address on an optimistic note. "We're on a boat in stormy waters loaded with 2,000 years of dreams . . . with discriminations and holocausts . . . loaded with hopes, confidence, sacrifices and desires. The boat is confronted with dangerous swells of oils and high waves of treason, weapons and ammunition.

"While we are struggling, this is the first time we are seeing the shore -- the shore of peace and security."

Since the Arabs, despite the surprise Yom Kippur attack with a force of 700,000 soldiers and 5,000 tanks -- "the mightiest war machine in history" -- could not destroy Israel by military force, maybe they have come to the conclusion it's time to find a political solution, he said.

Almogi was the windup speaker to the gala evening affair which was also highlighted by the honoring of Stephen Berger as Man of the Quarter Century. He received a tribute book with congratulatory messages from Prime Ministers Meir and Trudeau, Premier Davis and Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey among many others.

In his speech, Berger, UJA chairman, praised the young community leaders active in the campaign. He noted "an irreplaceable leadership is a leadership that failed."

UJA Campaign Chairman Murray B. Koffler, in a report, told of the growth of the drive and praised persons involved in the three-month effort. Koffler in return received wires from Ezra Shapiro, world chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, who called the Torontonian "an incomparable dynamo."

The American-born leader, reporting on the world-wide fund-raising, said there was total community support, both vertically and horizontally. World Jewry realized for the first time that they were threatened by the Arabs supported by the Soviets, he explained.

"The individual Jew felt the war was against him . . . With countries abandoning Israel, world Jewry felt it had to remain steadfast and united."

Staggering cost of war

Max Fisher predicts 100,000 immigrants over 18 months

By A.J. ARNOLD

WINNIPEG –

A forecast of 100,000 immigrants to Israel in the next 18 months was given by Max Fisher of Detroit, chairman, Jewish Agency board of governors, in his keynote address to the opening sessions of Hadassah-WIZO's 25th biennial session in Winnipeg's Centennial Concert Hall.

Addressing an audience of 1,800 from all parts of Canada, Fisher, past president of the American Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, said that due to the dislocation caused by the Yom Kippur War, Israel now faces the most severe austerity since the formation of the state.

"The tragic war losses and the cost of providing for new immigration is beyond Israel's capacity to meet," Fisher told his audience. "Due to these circumstances it is urgent for organizations like Hadassah-WIZO to assume an enlarged share of responsibility for these human needs."

This was the first priority, he continued. Others were greater economic assistance through bond purchases, tourism, purchase of Israeli products, investments in Israel and strengthening Jewish education in every community.

Fisher charged that the Arab states were using the ceasefire as an economic weapon to force Israel to keep troops mobilized to prevent a return to normalcy. Speaking of the oil boycott, he declared: "It's a dagger at the throat of the free, industrial world. Make Israel meet our demands or watch your gas pumps go dry, your homes grow cold and your factories stop running. The world should not be foolish enough to think the Arab states would not be doing the same thing, even if Israel did not exist."

Rachael Limon, of Israel, the director of organization for World WIZO, said French reporters recently interviewed six Israeli prisoners and photos of them were published in paris **Match**.

"But, of course, we want to know is what happened to all 120 Israeli prisoners in Syrian hands," she said. "We are gravely concerned about their fate."

Mrs. Limon, the attractive wife of Israel's famed Admiral Mordechai Limon, told how WIZO in Israel mobilized 100,000 women within hours of the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War. Each woman undertook replacement of a vital service and took care of a large number of children. WIZO members also helped evacuate many civilian patients from hospitals to make beds available for war casualties. WIZO maintains 550 institutions in Israel and cares for 37% of the country's needs, from baby care to vocational training.

Mrs. Limon disclosed that there is growing concern over conditions in South America and WIZO is planning special conferences in Sao Paulo, Brazil, next spring.

National president Mrs. B.M. Bloomfield stressed the overwhelming response of Hadassah members to the Yom Kippur War, in reporting on her two-year term. She said there had been a membership growth of 2,000 and an increase in income had made possible new projects such as the Haifa community college, Natanya day centre, four new creches and the Canada Club on Mt. Scopus for Hebrew University students.

"All this represents the help given by over 6,000 additional people," Mrs. Bloomfield said. "The gravity of this crisis has brought into our movement greater numbers of people."

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Jack Israeli appointed Bonds campaign chairman

TORONTO –

Jack Israeli, 43, noted community and business leader, has been chosen to serve as chairman for the 1974 Toronto campaign for State of Israel Bonds, it was announced by Allan Bronfman, president of Canada State of Israel Bonds and Sam Rothberg, general chairman of Development Corporation for Israel.

Long active on behalf of Israel causes, the new chairman brings to his post an extensive understanding of the problems facing Israel, especially in the economic and development field. He served in the army for two years after the rebirth of the Jewish state including during the War of Independence. Since coming to Toronto, he has been active in the United Jewish Appeal, was a member of the executive committee of the United Israel Appeal of Canada and served as Toronto chairman of the Canada Project, the building of absorption centres for new immigrants through the UIA.

A leading supporter of Toronto State of Israel Bonds

Jack Israeli

Israeli was chairman of the 1973 Chanukah Festival Programs. During and after the Yom Kippur Emergency Campaign, he was instrumental in raising very large amounts of development dollars for beleaguered Israel.

He is president of Keren Hatarbut, an organization for the advancement of Hebrew culture and language, and he is a director of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

Prominent in the Canadian building and real estate fields, Israeli is secretary treasurer of J.D.S. Investments Limited and president of several companies and affiliates in the development and construction field. Born in Poland, he was educated in Europe and Israel. While in the Jewish state he played a direct role in the advancement of cultural affairs.

In making the announcement, Bronfman said, "Jack Israeli's elevation to the chairmanship of the 1974 State of Israel Bond Campaign in Toronto is a logical outcome of his strong identification with and sense of responsibility for the people of Israel in their struggle for survival and economic independence. Keenly aware of the dimensions of the problems Israel is facing at this fateful moment in her history, he possesses both the insight and the energy to mobilize the community forces to meet these needs."

The new chairman is a member of Temple Sinai. He is married to the former Bianca Kafeman. They have a son, Henry and daughters, Leora and Rachel.

Waldheim hopeful over Suez

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) –

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim predicted that the Israeli-Egyptian disengagement talks at Geneva would reach a successful conclusion in a few weeks. He warned, however, that the second phase of the Geneva peace conference will be "long and hard" and emphasized that any Middle East peace settlement must contain a solution of the Palestinian problem.

Waldheim also said he thought progress at Geneva would ease the energy crisis.

(The Israeli plan for disengagement of forces on the Suez front have been rejected by Egypt as being unsatisfactory, though Egyptian sources said this did not mean total rejection.

The Secretary General spoke to newsmen at a press conference which was his first since the Geneva talks began. He said there was "a good chance" for the disengagement talks to wind up successfully but that the second phase will last much longer because it will deal with the final "global" settlement in the Middle East.

"It will be a long and hard task, demanding courage, statesmanship and patience," Waldheim said. "I have no illusions as to the difficulties but I believe that all the parties are determined to succeed."

He described the Geneva conference as "a turning point in this incredibly complex, tragic and difficult problem."

JIAS sends a brief on immigrants

By MICHAEL HOFFMAN

MONTREAL –

The Canadian government has announced steps will be taken to substantially revise present immigration and population policies, and the Jewish community has been requested to submit recommendations.

Joseph Kage, national executive vice-president of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (JIAS), said the organization's brief will not deal specifically with Jewish immigration, but noted, "the situation of Jews in many countries is precarious and a cause for concern. Doors must be kept open as wide as possible."

He said the trend is towards the opening of doors to all immigrant groups, and is confident that such a trend will be reflected in the new act.

JIAS, as one of the organizations whose opinions were requested by the minister, will present a position paper, written by Kage, commending the liberal attitudes of the immigration department.

It recommends a generally more sympathetic attitude towards all classes of immigrants, particularly towards refugees and "unskilled but trainable" workers.

"Revisions in the act should contain ingredients of flexibility of approach and attitude," the paper sums up, "where facts demand not only objective evaluation and understanding, but also compassion to fellow human beings.

"The three basic elements of the Canadian immigration policy - the economic (namely the selection of immigrants on the basis of their value to the economy of Canada), the social and the humanitarian (the admission of the displaced and uprooted) - will continue to motivate policy.

"The challenge: to reach a

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Solemn hush prevails when pictures show the human tragedy of war

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

It is not often doctors turn away when slides of peoples' afflictions are flashed on a screen, but such was the case at a recent meeting of the Canadian chapter of the Israel Medical Association.

The slides were being shown by Doctors Allan Gross and Fred Langer, two of the orthopedic surgeons who volunteered their services during the Yom Kippur War and were then asked to help by the Israeli government.

The 200 doctors and their wives who attended (which was a far cry from the handful that attended the organization's first meeting about 15 years ago) were visibly moved, particularly by the last slides presented by Dr. Langer. These he took on a more recent trip to Israel in which he was sent to ascertain Israel's present medical needs.

The hushed atmosphere was broken by sighs and shuffling as people put their heads down when slides were shown of wounded Israeli soldiers who would need extensive rehabilitation treatment and some, where even such extensive treatment cannot do much any longer. In a somber tone Dr. Langer said: "These particular slides show the war will be with Israel for a long time."

Besides providing an opportunity to see the slides and hear first hand reports from doctors who have recently returned from Israel, the meeting was called to encourage doctors to go to Israel on a medical fact-finding mission. The organization, under the leadership of Dr. Isadore Eisen, president and Dr. Robert Ruderman, secretary-treasurer, has organized a trip to Israel on Feb. 13 for two weeks.

It was emphasized that the trip, which is entitled "Organization of Israel Medicine in Wartime," will not just be medically oriented, but will also be an opportunity for doctors and their wives to show their solidarity with Israel at a time when a sense of loneliness pervades the country.

Through the slides taken by the two surgeons, the audience learned much about medicine under wartime conditions. In a field hospital in the Sinai in which they were stationed for one week, they were compelled to perform 50 amputations as soon as the patients arrived and more later on. That particular field hospital had over 4,000 Israeli and Egyptian wounded pass through it during the war.

Because of the high velocity of even a single bullet, nearly all fractures were of a multiple nature. The seriousness of these wounds was instantly apparent even to lay people in the audience as they viewed slides showing x-rays of damaged bones. Dr. Gross explained that the point of entry of a bullet is always small, but the point of exit is large, accounting for the heavy damage in between.

Throughout the presentation, both doctors continually praised the Israeli medical corps. They noted the high death rate of doctors was due to such facts as doctors and medics at the front lines inserting chest drains in patients while under fire before sending the wounded to field hospitals, or being in helicopters attempting to evacuate the wounded.

Dr. Gross said the high rate of shell shock in soldiers in the tank corps was due to the different type of fighting presented in this war. At every field hospital there was a psychologist and a psychiatrist. He talked of one psychiatrist who is "probably going to write classic papers on shell shock".

Two young nurses witness poignant hospital scenes

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –

Although reports have been published in **The Canadian Jewish News** of doctors who volunteered their services during the Yom Kippur War, never has an account been given of those tragic and poignant days as seen through the eyes of two young Canadian nurses.

"We got very involved with the families of the boys. They needed our attention as much as the soldiers needed our physical care . . . Many times we sat down and literally cried our eyes out, with them and for them . . . I don't know how many medical men could have allowed themselves this expression of feeling," said 23-year-old Leni Lerner.

As for their going to Israel, she continued: "I don't think it is expected of a woman, as it is of a man, to get up and help others, even if she has the convictions. It's like 'my husband gave at the office' -- it is left to the man to actually do things."

But not so in their case. "We acted as our hearts and heads told us to . . . we weren't afraid, we didn't care about danger, we could have been on the Sinai front and we wouldn't have worried -- we were so sure about what we wanted," declared 26-year-old Harriet Robins.

The two close friends were the first volunteers from abroad to arrive at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, where in effect they rapidly took charge of the neuro-surgery intensive care unit, treating soldiers who had bullet and shrapnel head wounds.

They were particularly valuable since they were the only ones who knew how to operate the modern equipment such as respirators, sent during the war to Israeli hospitals as gifts from Sweden, the Netherlands and the United States. The young nurses were forced to become experts on the machines -- and they did.

According to the girls, Ichilov had great difficulty coping -- normally a civilian hospital with a 450 bed capacity, it was stuffed with 650 beds: "on staircases, in hallways, just everywhere.

"It wasn't equipped either physically or emotionally to handle all the casualties. The war came as a total shock, it was not the 'Israeli way' of fighting a war, namely, one which you fight and quickly win," said Leni.

She said the level of anxiety and tension in the hospital was "unbelievable" since most male doctors were at the front fighting or working, which left only women doctors who had husbands, brothers and sons on the battlefields.

Disabled veterans of the Yom Kippur War get together with members of their families in an Israeli hospital. In both Montreal and Toronto recently, audiences saw and heard of the tragedies of war from returning doctors and nurses.

World News

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF POLITICS

Golda Meir, looking downcast, has been troubled with shingles since the election. The prime minister has been occupied attempting to form a new government. Likud Opposition Menachem Begin is obviously in better humor.

Prosecution presents detailed case against six alleged Israeli agents

OSLO (JTA) –

State attorneys have presented a detailed account of a massive manhunt with walkie-talkies and a fleet of rented cars carried out by six alleged Israeli agents on trial here in connection with the so-called Boushicki murder case.

Flanked by police on all sides, the defendants listened intently as the prosecution outlined events leading up to the July 21 slaying of Ahmed Boushicki. The prosecution based its account primarily on statements given police interrogators by two of the defendants, Dan Aerbel and Marianne Gladnikoff. Boushicki was murdered by a 15-man liquidation squad "acting on orders from the Israeli intelligence organization, Mossad," Aerbel told police, according to State Prosecutor Haakon Wiker.

The group converged on the quiet resort town of Lillehammer several days before the slaying, having tailed an Arab acquaintance of the murder victim from Oslo. According to Aerbel's statement, the defendants believed both Boushicki and Karim Benemane, were Black September members.

Certain portions of the session were held behind closed doors. In calling for the temporary expulsion of newsmen and observers, Wiker cited "consideration for Norway's relations with foreign states."

Aerbel has worked for Mossad several times, on occasion together with another of the defendants, Sylvia Rafael, Wiker said. Informed sources here said details of these intelligence operations were presented during closed-door proceedings. In the weeks preceding the Boushicki murder, Michael Dorff, a defendant, was given part-time employment at the Israeli embassy in Oslo, Wiker claimed.

Members of the liquidation group maintained close contact with the Israeli security attache in Norway, Yigal Eyal. Several meetings were held in Eyal's apartment, Wiker said. Dorff and Zwi Steinberg, another defendant, were apprehended in the apartment two days after the slaying.

Toward the end of the day, Miss Gladnikoff, daughter of a Swedish physician, was called to the stand. Her testimony confirmed many of the prosecution's claims. She admitted having "gathered information" about Benamane and Boushicki, but claimed to be a minor member of the group. "I didn't know what the real aim of the operation was," she said. The Boushicki case is being tried by a special tribunal consisting of three judges and four laymen. The six defendants all face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment if found guilty.

Arabs charged

BONN (JCNS) –

Four Arabs have been charged in a West Berlin court with possessing explosives and planning bomb attacks for the Black September Arab terrorist organization. It is understood the four men, aged between 18 and 33 years, were planning to attack Israeli offices.

A spokesman of the West Berlin senator for justice said the men had smuggled some 20 pounds of explosive into West Berlin after flying to East Berlin from Beirut. West Germany's airport authorities and security agencies, already alerted after the massacre of 31 people by five Arab terrorists at Rome airport on Dec. 17, were told to redouble their vigilance following warnings of new Arab terrorist plans.

Cologne and Munich airport managements were reported to have received anonymous telephone calls warning that a group of terrorists who might be armed with Soviet-made missiles, had arrived in West Germany.

The terrorists were said to be supported by two Arab embassies in Bonn. However, a spokesman of the West German government, would only confirm the report that the airport authorities and security agencies had been fully alerted.

British government is congenitally pro-Arab, says ex-cabinet minister

LONDON (JCNS) –

A strong attack on the pro-Arab stance of the British government was made by Richard Crossman, a former cabinet minister, in the Labor administration.

Addressing the annual meeting of the Children and Youth Aliyah Committee for Great Britain at Grosvenor House, London, Crossman said he did not remember any other British government being so distastefully pro-Arab than the present one, except for "the old anti-Semite, Ernest Bevin." The present administration, he said, were congenitally pro-Arab.

Crossman, speaking later about the prospects for peace in the Middle East, stressed that although Israel could not go back to the original pre-1967 frontiers, he felt Israel would be wise to take a few strategic risks for the sake of peace. But he emphasized that if Israel demanded complete territorial security, she would be placing her neighbors at a military disadvantage and would destroy the possibility of negotiations.

He spoke of the present "dejection" among Israelis over the Yom Kippur War and said he was greatly relieved they were shocked because their elation after the Six Day War was based upon an illusion and their dejection was necessary, just as the recent war was inevitable and necessary. The Israelis, he had noted when visiting Israel in the past six years, had settled down in their new territories and gradually had become a mandatory power doing the same job, but better, than the British did. The Israelis had accepted a fait accompli, somehow believing peace had been established.

His view was "thank God the war happened; thank God it was short and thank God that no one won it." Israel would not have achieved anything by fighting on to a victory except the presence of six Russian divisions in the area. Now, Crossman added, there was greater hope for the future. What Israel had prayed for -- face to face negotiations with the Arabs had come about. He believed these talks would succeed and over a period of years there would be a peace treaty.

But, he stressed, there had to be a major revolution of thought not only in Israel, but in the Diaspora. What went wrong in those wasted years since the Six Day War was a lack of frank discussions on the problems. These were now needed after the war, he said.

Deportation sought

Campaign mounts against bishop

NEW YORK (JCNS) –

Because of protests by several Jewish groups, the naturalization of the Romanian Orthodox Bishop, Valerian D. Trifa, is being reviewed by the American immigration authorities with a view to his possible deportation.

A campaign against Bishop Trifa has been mounted by the Romanian Jewish Federation of America, the Jewish Documentation Centre of Vienna, the Anti-Defamation League and David Horowitz, editor of the publication **United Israel Bulletin**.

According to affidavits by eyewitnesses and other documents forwarded to Washington, Bishop Trifa played a mayor role in the Romanian Fascist Iron Guard organization and an uprising which it planned 30 years ago. Hundreds of Jews were killed in the uprising. Bishop Trifa is alleged to have taken part in the formation of a "Death Commandos" squad which carried out political assassinations.

Bishop Trifa has denied the allegations but admitted to an interviewer that he had been in the uniform of the Iron Guard and made anti-Semitic speeches. He changed his first name from Viorel to Valerian when he came to the United States in 1950.

Bishop Trifa acknowledged to his interviewer that he had attended the conference of the "Death Commandos" group as a student leader. The group is known to have murdered at least three political opponents, according to one man who escaped from them.

Other witnesses have testified to various murders of Jews, singly and in groups by a squad led by Bishop Trifa. Asked whether he was ashamed of his past, Bishop Trifa replied: "I am not ashamed of it at all . . . I did not have any alternative but to do what I thought to be right for the interests of the Romanian people."

Bishop Trifa, who is the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, is wanted in Romania to serve a life sentence imposed in absentia.

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Accountant is chairman of 1974 UJWF campaign

By MOURA WOLPERT
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HAMILTON -

Samuel Taylor has just been named chairman of the 1974 United Jewish Welfare Emergency Fund Campaign here and if it were up to him, he would probably prefer to do the job as anonymously as possible. Long active, behind the scenes, in Jewish community affairs, he is a senior partner in a well-known city firm of chartered accountants and explains his involvement with finance this way:

"It all started when I was very young, on May 24, 1916. On May 28 my mother brought me downstairs and put me on the cash register and that's why I was born with the sound of a cash register in my ears."

The cash register was on the counter of his father's pool room and, snug in his basket, young Sam spent many hours listening to its ringing. The ringing stopped, however, with his father's death when Sam was eight. From then on, what little financial knowledge he had, had to be put to practical use and, with his three older brothers having left home, it fell to him to help support his mother and two sisters.

Blessed with talent, intelligence, a will to succeed and the necessary chutzpah, he did it by playing in dance bands and would probably still be a musician today if it hadn't been for his wartime service with the RCAF, where he began to learn accounting, and his mother's emphatic "no" to such youthful "narrishkeiten" as show business.

Two more years of extramural studies at the University of Toronto after his demobilization, while supporting himself with music, and Samuel Taylor was a chartered accountant at the age of 33. In 1950 he put away his bass fiddle and, in his mother's eyes, was a respectable citizen at last.

To Sam, his mother was "Mrs. Hadassah" -- active until the day she died, her memory kept alive in the community with the naming of the Rebecca Taylor Chapter in her honor.

Taylor has continued the tradition of service to the community but until a few years ago preferred to remain in the background. The events of 1967, however, changed his mind.

"It became obvious to me," he said, "that we have to preserve a home for three million people and if we are not going to do it, who is?"

Samuel Taylor

Last year he was co-chairman of the UJWF campaign and in October spearheaded the two emergency campaigns. He is a member of the national board of directors of the JNF and senior vice-chairman of the Hamilton JNF as well as treasurer and member of the board of directors of Temple Anshe Sholom.

He is also president of the Musicians' Guild of Hamilton. In 1965 he dusted off his bass fiddle and ever since has been a playing member of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra. "That," he says, "is my therapy." And though it's tiring, he thoroughly enjoys everything these two jobs entail.

He is lucky enough, he says, to have the best of both worlds.

Married to the former Anna Klein of New York, a graduate of the Ohio state school of social work, the Taylors have two children. Michael, who will be graduating from the University of Toronto school of dentistry this spring, and Robin, a first year student at Glendon College, York University.

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The potential of Canada-Israel trade has not been fully exploited -- "nowhere near it" -- says the executive director of the Federation of Bi-National Chambers of Commerce with Israel.

The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry should be much bigger, Herzl Zuckerman told The Canadian Jewish News in an interview last week. The Canadian chamber has a membership of 300 persons.

Zuckerman, 62, was making his first visit to Toronto. He is the first Israeli citizen since the establishment of the state to be awarded an Order of the British Empire in recognition of his services fostering Anglo-Jewish relations.

"We want to encourage trade of Israeli goods, but we look upon each chamber to lobby friendship through trade," he said. "We're the mouthpiece vis-a-vis the Israeli government regarding the collective problems of the chambers abroad and in Israel."

The federation includes 20 chambers around the world. There are 15 counterparts in Israel.

Zuckerman said Canada and Israel are involved in great industrial development and each now is in a better position to offer increased trade.

Canada has the ability to supply raw material and basic commodities to Israel, particularly in metals and electronics, capital equipment and basic food stuffs, he continued.

"Initially, Israel exploited markets close to it, but I think there is going to be a more far-sighted view. We're anxious to intensify our efforts and make the Canadian public aware of what Israel is producing."

Zuckerman, who spoke to a luncheon of the Canadian chamber at Royal York, told The CJN of the considerable disappointment in Israel of Britain's stand vis-a-vis the Middle East.

"We're absolutely surprised as we expected Britain to appreciate that Israel is a better customer than all Arab states put together," said Zuckerman, who also holds the title of general secretary of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce. Israel is Britain's 20th best customer.

Zuckerman and his wife have been travelling around the world combining business and pleasure. They were in the Far East when the Israeli election took place. He pointed out that Israelis travelling or serving abroad, unless they are on an Israeli ship, do not have the right to vote. This should be changed, he urged.

At the luncheon, Ray D. Wolfe, chairman of the Canadian chamber, announced the formation of an export committee of Israeli products under the leadership of Leo Perkell and Eddie Creed. He also informed the members that the next gathering of the group would for the first time be a joint venture with another chamber -- the Canada-Italian Chamber of Commerce. This will take place Feb. 28 at the Westbury Hotel.

After his two-day visit to Toronto, Zuckerman went to Montreal before going to Miami.

Trade union aid for Israel urged by Dr. Shapiro in Histadrut speech

By MARCIA SINGER

TORONTO -

Zionist leader Dr. Judah Shapiro told more than 500 Histadrut supporters they should seek the help of trade unions in their desire to aid Israel.

Speaking to the 50th anniversary dinner of the Histadrut campaign recently, the president of the U.S. National Committee of Labor Israel said North American Jewry's real strength lies in its ability to muster the trade union vote.

"Count the people. There are more union members than there are Jews in North America," he stated.

Dr. Shapiro is a member of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and a sociology professor at the Herzliah Jewish Teachers Seminary in New York. He also has his own radio show in New York City on Jewish communal affairs.

Dr. Shapiro cited the $2.2 billion aid to Israel passed by the U.S. Congress as an example of the political muscle union backing can give to the Jewish cause. He recommended the group use their association with the Histadrut, Israel's largest union, as a way of reaching Gentile union members.

"We are the vehicle through which millions of Americans are able to relate to Israel," he said.

The Zionist leader who visited Israel in November said the country is "absolutely" ready for peace and ready to make concessions.

"But, what is not possible is to find with whom to make peace," he added.

Aside from the absence of Syria and Jordan at the Geneva peace talks, Dr. Shapiro said there is the problem of establishing a settlement with countries such as Libya and Saudi Arabia which do not border Israel but do send economic and military aid to its enemies.

And, he explained, Israel is in the difficult situation of having only one military ally, the United States.

"Would you be satisfied to be a friend of one country? Doesn't that make you its captive?" he asked.

Also speaking at the dinner, Rabbi David Monson of Beth Sholom Synagogue urged the group to visit Israel this winter.

"There should be a moratorium on Miami, the Bahamas, Hawaii and Mexico. This year it should be Israel -- even if it's only for 10 days," he said.

The dinner at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue gave the fund-raising campaign a $200,000 kick-off. The money will go to hospitals, dormitories, scholarships and other Histadrut projects.

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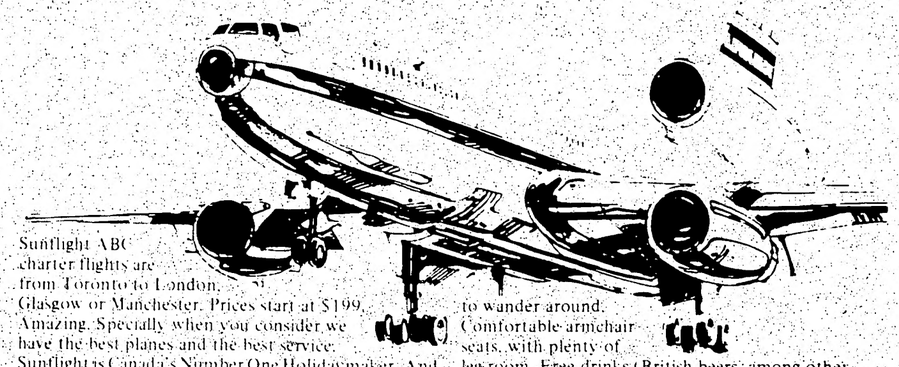
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Blood-giving by mission members has created important precedent

There can be no more satisfying act on the part of an individual than that of giving blood for the well-being of the sick and the victims of war. When the Masada mission led by Phil Givens, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, gave blood at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, they created a precedent which it is hoped other Canadians visiting Israel will follow.

Thousands of Canadian Jews will be visiting Israel in the months to come and their presence will do much to dispel the feeling of isolation which engulfed most Israelis after the Yom Kippur War. These Canadians will have given generously of their means to meet the grave economic crisis caused by the war's dislocations, and in doing so they demonstrated their solidarity with their Jewish brethren fighting for survival.

But giving to a blood bank is something fundamentally personal, a surrender of one's own life-giving blood for the succor of someone in need. And what more symbolic act is there than a Diaspora Jew mingling his blood with that of a brother Jew? Not all those who plan to visit Israel will be eligible to donate to a blood bank, but the majority of able-bodied Canadians under 65 years are in the acceptable blood-giving age category.

The idea of giving blood came from one of the Masada pilgrims, Ralph Burke, who is head of the pharmacy at Riverdale Hospital in Toronto. Phil Givens and the others of the group quickly endorsed the proposal and the astonished Hadassah Hospital found themselves with a blood bonanza. Mr. Burke took the picture of Mr. Givens shown here.

The blood donations made a deep impression on the top staff doctors of the famed hospital in Jerusalem. Mr. Givens recently received a letter from Dr. S.G. Sandler, head of the blood bank, expressing heartfelt appreciation for the gift of blood from the Canadians.

Dr. Sandler wrote it was a special pleasure to meet Mr. Givens and his party at the Hadassah Blood Bank during the Israel visit. "While many of our friends and visitors understand the importance of voluntary blood donations, few make the actual steps -- as you did -- of rolling up their sleeves and establishing the ultimate tie with Israel," Dr. Sandler said.

Blood donations in Israel must come from a mobilized population whose time and energy have certain priorities. Dr. Sandler pointed out that the 40,000 Israelis who donated blood during the Yom Kippur War were not eligible to donate blood again for a minimal, three-month period.

The Hadassah Blood Bank is an international affiliate of the American Association of Blood Banks and uses the most modern procedures. This newspaper urges visitors to Israel to follow the admirable example of the Masada pilgrims and, to repeat the words of Dr. Sandler, establish the ultimate blood tie with Israel.

Canadian Zionist Federation President Phil Givens gives blood at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. The ex-Toronto mayor was one of many on the Masada mission to give blood.

Film airing exemplifies poor taste

No doubt there are more good things to be said about the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation than bad things, but sometimes we wonder about the lack of judgment and good taste that crops up in its programing from time to time.

On Christmas morning, the CBC showed on the Quebec network a feature film, **Day of Triumph**, which told of the trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. The theme, of course, was the complicity of the Jews in Christ's death.

The film revolves around two central characters, Judas Iscariot, who is portrayed as a misguided Jewish opportunist, and a zealot, a Jewish leader of a band which hated Roman domination and which was in conspiracy with Judas. Throughout the film Iscariot was determined to sacrifice Christ in order to instigate the Jewish masses to revolt against their Roman masters.

Near the close of the film, Christ upsets the tables of the money changers in the temple . . . and rabbis contemplate a means to remove the revolutionary from their midst. They decide to tell Pontius Pilate that Christ is aggravating insurrection. They plead with Pilate to do away with Christ. The film, of course, provides the real reason for the Jewish reaction . . . because Christ is challenging the authority and wisdom of their stewardship.

To give credibility on television to a gross distortion of historical fact is inexcusable, and it reveals a lack of sensitivity on the part of those responsible for showing this 1974 movie. In another time, the depicting of Jews as Christ killers sent Russian peasants roaming towns and villages bent on murdering Jews. What the CBC did, on the holiest day of the Christian calendar, was to spread through the powerful medium of television, what was nothing better than thinly-disguised anti-Semitism.

Day of Triumph is a film totally lacking in taste, integrity or artistic merit. While we are opposed in principle to censorship, this movie should be banned from further showing because it is offensive to the Jewish community and because the message it contains is potentially damaging to good relations between Jews and non-Jews.

Hostility seen in Vatican

By YEHOSHUA TADMOR

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JERUSALEM -

For over six years the relations between Israel and the Vatican were fairly good, at any rate insofar as the relationship between the Israel authorities and the representatives of the Catholic Church were concerned.

There have been certain Christian factors in the country who claim, not always with justice, that Israel was evincing particular favoritism to the Catholic Church because it regarded it as the strongest body with whom some sort of dialogue could be reached.

Recently, however, there has been a change of attitude insofar as the Vatican "state-secretariat" or the foreign ministry, are concerned. Discreetly, yet forcefully, certain actively inimical forces have begun raising their heads there, and have tried to bring about a change of the attitude towards the status of Jerusalem. Their objective is clear: it is to try and revive the plan for the internationalization of the city. What was regarded as obvious until some weeks ago, not only by Israel but also by the Catholic Church, is again turning into something with a large question-mark attached to it.

Here we find ingenuity and faith combined as a container for shells is recycled into a cabinet for Torah scrolls. These soldiers on the Sinai front say their daily prayers.

Waking up is waking up, no matter where you are. This soldier on the Sinai front gets ready to face the day, toothbrush and toothpaste ready. Sinai desert is in background.

What Really Happened

Immigrant aid quickly begun for Russians

(First of a Series)

By A.J. ARNOLD

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Early in 1882, a meeting to protest Russian persecution of the Jews was called by the Lord Mayor at London's Mansion House. This resulted in some 400 to 500 Russian Jews being sent to Canada that spring.

Canada's total Jewish population was then 2,443, counting 989 in Quebec, most in Montreal; 1,245 in Ontario, including 500 in Toronto; and 33 in Manitoba, 21 of them in Winnipeg. The newcomers were not divided proportionately among the existing centres since 350 were sent immediately to Manitoba.

The London meeting which established the Mansion House committee to aid the refugees, was attended by many leading personalities: the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Manning, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Sir Alexander Galt, Canada's first high commissioner to London, and several members of the Rothschild family. A relief fund was started and Galt, one of the Fathers of Confederation, suggested some of the Jews be sent to the Canadian northwest.

Jewish philanthropic or immigrant aid societies had not yet been firmly established in Montreal and Toronto, although some groups had been started. Community leaders were just beginning to realize the extent of the coming immigrant flow. They were, therefore, happy to learn that most of the first group would be sent directly to the west where the government would provide land for farm settlement -- or so they thought.

The Montreal and Toronto communities looked to the London Anglo-Jewish Association for leadership and funds to cope with the immigrant problem and branches of the A-J association were organized in the two Canadian cities in 1881. The Montreal branch, headed by Louis Davis, president and Rev. Meldola De Sola, secretary, was on record with "complete willingness to unite in any movement for material aid" originated by the parent body in London. The Toronto branch, apparently led by a father and son team, Mark Samuel, president and E. Samuel, secretary, took a similar position.

In the spring of 1882, Jewish leaders in Montreal and Toronto were becoming agitated about the impending arrival of several hundred immigrants, even though Winnipeg was to bear the brunt of this first large influx. A few days before the first group arrived, the Montreal officers of the Anglo-Jewish Association met with representatives of the Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society and the Ladies Hebrew Benefit Society to plan a co-operative effort.

This led to a general meeting of the Jewish community on Sunday, May 14 (reported in the **Gazette**), where it was decided to form a "Jewish Emigration Aid Society" and start a fund-raising campaign. Three warehouses were rented for temporary shelter for the "hourly expected arrival" of the first 260 refugees, of whom at least 40 were to remain in Montreal.

Total results of the Montreal fund-raising campaign are not known but by the fall of 1882, the Emigration Aid Society disbanded and turned over its remaining assets of $300 to the Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society which carried on the work.

In Toronto the **Globe** reported on May 18, that "about 12 of the carload of Jewish refugees who arrived here yesterday remained in the city." The Toronto Anglo-Jewish Association undertook its own fund-raising effort and one announcement at the end of May disclosed contributions totalling $65. In a report of the association some 15 years later it was stated that the Toronto campaign of 1882 raised $3,000.

From 1882 on immigrant aid certainly became a permanent part of Jewish community activity, but what was to become of the first 350 newcomers sent to Manitoba? The Montreal **Gazette** reported in January, 1882 that "Cohen (probably Lazarus Cohen), president of the Canadian colonization scheme for the immigration of the persecuted Jews from Russia to the northwest" had met, in Ottawa, with John Henry Pope, minister of agriculture, who "assured the company he would assist it with all his aid."

Early in March, the Toronto **Globe** reported that Alexander Galt suggested to the Mansion House committee that "two or three should go to the northwest as an advance to make arrangements for the arrival of their countrymen."

Galt's suggestion was not followed and Pope's reported promise was not carried out. To find out what happened, the next episode will turn to some of the private correspondence between Galt, Sir John A. Macdonald and the governor-general.

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Letters to the Editor

Suggests youth adopt an Israeli school instead of being turned off by officialism

Dear Editor:

The article which appeared in **The Canadian Jewish News** of Nov. 9 (page 8) -- which arrived Dec. 16 -- which discussed school boards "disallowing in-school collection of funds for political causes" was interesting. It brought to light the intense desire on the part of Toronto youth to help Israel.

It would be most unfortunate were we to permit the students to feel there is nothing they can do -- to turn them off.

Let them help Israeli youth. Let them adopt-a-school. This would not only be an aid financially, but educationally speaking would broaden the horizons of both the Canadian and Israeli student.

For example, our school, the original yeshiva high school in Israel, houses some 200 students. Because of the war we have not been able to complete our heating system, as funds that were originally earmarked for this had to be diverted elsewhere. We are, therefore, anticipating a cold winter.

The students would like to know there are youth somewhere in the great Diaspora thinking of them -- that would like to correspond with them -- that would like to help them.

I should like to point out that one school, in Downsview, The Bnai Israel Beth David Education Centre, has in fact taken on the challenge, and has, through Educational Director Saul Morganstein been in touch with us, and the students have responded in a fabulous manner.

May there be many more to follow this example.

Chaim A. Cohen,
director,
Yeshivath Bnei Akivah,
Kfar Haroeh, Emek Hefer,
Israel

Photo in poor taste

Dear Editor:

Reference your news item headed by "Abortionist tells why he favors changes in Canadian legislation," dated Jan. 4, 1974:

I find mere words inadequate to express my horror and disgust at your choice of photograph to accompany this news story. If I accept the story as straightforward reporting, I cannot accept your choice of the accompanying picture as unbiased, or as remotely resembling anything in good taste, namely, the depicted rejoicing over the acquittal of a man who acknowledges to having terminated the lives of at least 6,500 fetuses.

I am painfully aware that the acceptance of and recommendation for easily obtained abortion is more widespread in the Canadian Jewish than in the Canadian Christian populations. And I find it impossible to comprehend this fact, when, for centuries the Jews have been the target of mass annihilation, and more recently of genocide -- in other words, the objects of the philosophy that human life is something trifling, to be regarded and treated casually and indifferently.

How is it possible to rationalize that human abortion is not murder? The defenders and advocates of easily-obtained abortion have made an arbitrary decision as to the point in time or in development at which a fetus is not (in their opinion) a human being. By an exercise of logic, that kind of decision can be made regarding any stage when human life may be terminated without this act being defined as murder. I find this concept agonizingly obscene.

Furthermore, how can Jews reconcile the contradictions inherent in the advocacy of easily obtained abortion with their stated philosophy of the goal of the enrichment of the quality of human life, for which they are contributing astronomical sums of money?

Lillian Gang,
Toronto

ask the rabbi

Horrible weapon of cherem usage a thing of past

1. Are there any grounds on which a Beth Din could expel a person from the Jewish people?

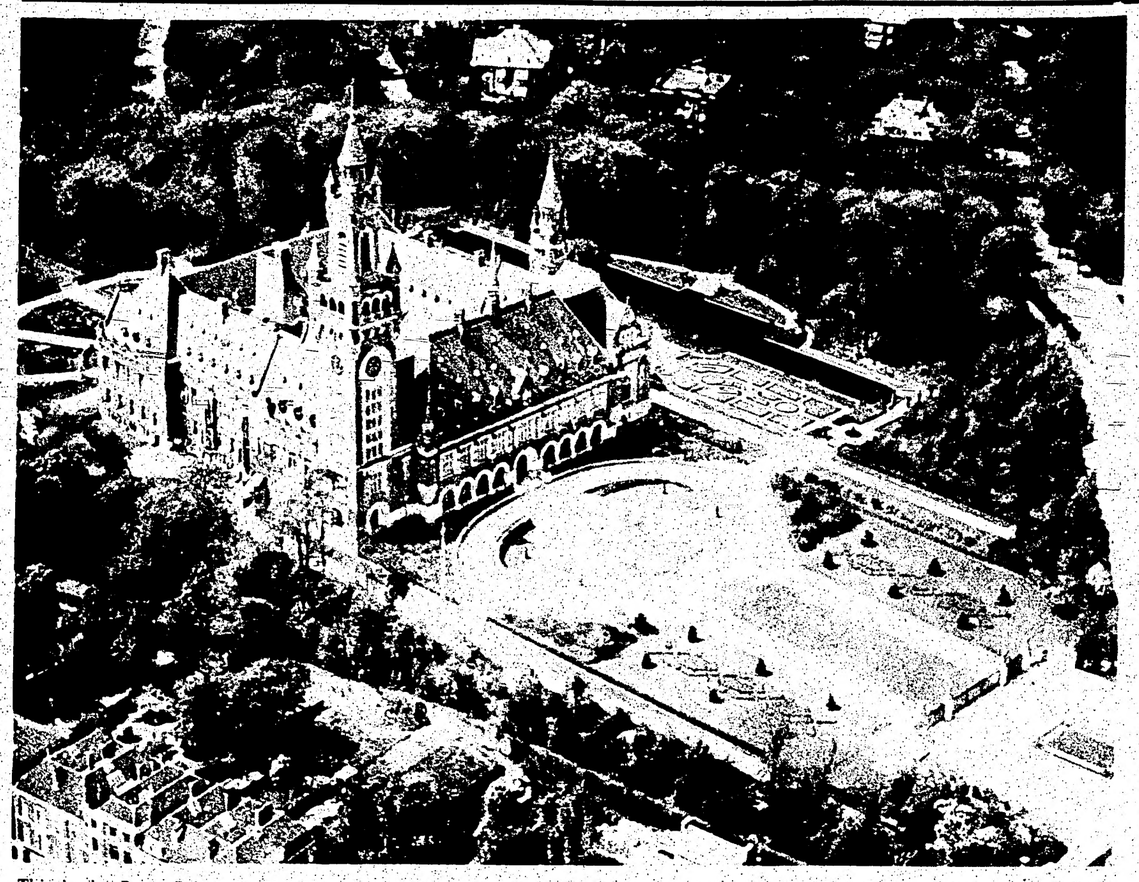
First, it must be appreciated that there is a general principle: once a Jew always a Jew, so that the Talmud (Yevamot 47b) states that even a Jew who has left the Jewish fold to worship pagan gods is still a Jew in that a marriage he contracts with a Jewish girl is valid. However, the various forms of cherem (excommunication, ban, ostracism) were used by the courts from Talmudic times to punish serious crimes and to induce conformity.

In its severest form the cherem involved the complete exclusion of the persistent offender from all Jewish religious and social life, even to the extent that his children were not to be circumcised and he was not to be counted in the minyan. Even at his death he was to be buried apart from the other graves in the cemetery.

There is a whole section of the Shulchan Aruch (Yoreh Deah 334) in which the laws of cherem are recorded in detail. This horrible weapon has fallen completely into disuse, though very occasionally an obscurantist court will try it on with the sole result of inviting ridicule. The cherem was used in the 18th century against the Chassidim, thanks to which publicity was given to the Chassidic cause and the movement flourished.

While not necessarily endorsing the slogan, if you can't beat them join them, Jewish history has certainly demonstrated the wisdom of, if you can't beat them do not in any circumstances impose a cherem on them.

We are hardly living in an age of religious tolerance but the idea of expelling a man from the Jewish community has gone forever and we are the better for it.



This is the Peace Palace in The Hague, now the headquarters for the International Court of Justice. According to writer Rochelle Carr, there seems to be no specific answer to explain the Dutch tradition of tolerance nor their present bold stance.

Dutch refusal to be intimidated by oil in line with its tradition of tolerance

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO -

During the golden age in the Netherlands, artists such as Rembrandt and Jan Steen painted a completely different world from other European schools. They portrayed a world "in which most mythologies were banished, each person and each object having its own validity and value."

In 1973, the Dutch took a political stand which once again set them apart from the rest of Europe -- they chose to stand firm on the side of what they believed to be right while others fell to the wayside of political pressures, religious animosities and short-term economic aggrandizement.

The Dutch stand of not letting oil blackmail intimidate them is more accurately interpreted, not as a pro-Israel nor pro-Jewish policy, but rather as a determination to put what is right before what is temporarily expedient.

In summing up Dutch society before World War II, one author noted that it was one of the most rigid and authoritarian in Europe, but he went on to say "that, in contrast, there was no oppression, the rule of law was maintained, there were great traditions of paternalism and tolerance and fewer displays of power and ostentatious wealth than there were in many other European countries."

Throughout the history of the Netherlands, all minority groups have benefitted from Dutch tolerance. Another author observed: "Throughout history, the Netherlands has always been an asylum for refugees of many different kinds, including Jews."

The first group of Jews were allowed to enter the Netherlands in the 17th century. Unlike nearly every other European nation at that time, they were free from ghetto confinement and were granted equality before the law.

During the next three centuries, many Jews made valuable contributions to the country which chose to deal fairly with all her minorities. At the outbreak of the Second World War there were 140,000 Jews living unimpeded in the Netherlands. With the advent of Nazi occupation (at which time Queen Juliana and the rest of the royal family took refuge in Canada and her youngest daughter was later born in an Ottawa hospital), the vast majority of Dutch Jews were shipped to the transit camp of Westerbork and then to the extermination camps in Germany and Poland.

Eventually, half of the 20,000 Jews still in hiding were caught, like Anne Frank, whose poignant account of life in hiding has since been translated into over 40 languages. (The Frank's hiding place at 263 Prinsengracht, Amsterdam is now the headquarters of the Anne Frank Foundation which exists to foster understanding between peoples of all races, religions and politics.)

Historians try to determine, and psychologists try to analyze what has brought about this tradition of tolerance. The Netherlands possess the problems and the essential makeup of nearly all other European countries. The small country is suffering from overpopulation and overcrowding of houses. The religious leaders, particularly before World War II, maintained great authority over their people through the schools, unions and mass media. (A 1960 census showed Roman Catholics 40.4%, Dutch Reformed 28.3%, other Reformed 9.3%, no religious affiliation 18.4% and Mennonites, Lutherans and Jews combined, 3.6%.) Dutch society today still shows signs of rigid stratification, particularly in relation to North America.

There seems to be no specific answer to explain the Dutch tradition of tolerance. Nor is there any answer to explain their present bold stance vis-a-vis blackmail pressure from Middle East oil producing nations, except to say that such a stand is in Dutch tradition.

For the sake of human decency, for the sake of a cogent United Nations, and for the sake of the belief that right does make might, it would be best for mankind if whatever it is the Dutch possess, that that quality become contagious.

Letter-to-the-Editor

Human rights editorial amplified

Dear Editor:

Your issue of Dec. 29 had a leading editorial on the need for a Quebec Code of Human Rights. I congratulate the editorial writer for this piece, believing as well that it represents the views of the Eastern Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Joint Community Relations Committee of Congress and B'nai B'rith.

I believe, however, that your readers may be interested in further amplification of the theme which is struck in the editorial.

It is not generally recognized that Quebec has many elements of a Human Rights Code via the route of various pieces of legislation in various spheres of activity. For example, the Civil Code which governs a great many areas of Quebec life forbids alienation of property with conditions attached. As a result of this article of the Code, it is quite unnecessary to legislate against sales which contain restrictions as to whom the buyer may be (e.g., white Protestants only or whites only). The law itself takes care of restrictive covenants.

It is interesting to note that the Civil Code does contain an article (13) which legislates as follows:

"No one can by private agreement, validly contravene the laws of public order and good morals."

Many government advisers and those in charge of the revision of the Code have advised that, if a clause were to follow the present text of Article 13 to state that discrimination on grounds of race, creed, sex and national origin are deemed to be a contravention of the laws of public order and good morals, many of the problems would be solved by giving a citizen a right of recourse to the courts. However, the fact remains that this has not yet been accepted and, even if it were, a Human Rights Code might be preferable.

Again, the Labor Code contains the same type of non-discrimination clause

Saul Hayes

found in the various Human Rights Acts of many states of the USA and other provinces of Canada. The Innkeepers' Act forbids refusing accommodation to anyone who conducts himself in an orderly fashion. Many years ago, the Canadian Jewish Congress took legal action on behalf of two Jewish visitors from the United States who had been refused entry (though they had reservations) at Mont Tremblant Lodge. The owners never went to court, but wrote us a letter undertaking never to contravene the Act. Recently an Act governing the professional regulatory bodies (e.g., Bar Council, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Engineers, Architect Council and all other professional bodies) was passed and included in it as an article prohibiting these bodies from refusing licences to practice on grounds of race, creed, sex and national origin. Moreover, many federal statutes apply in Quebec since they are constitutionally in the domain of federal jurisdiction, e.g., Criminal Code, Postal Regulations, National Housing Code. In various of these statutes there are human rights provisions such as the Anti-Hate Propaganda Amendment to the Criminal Code, and non-mailability of scurrilous matter, the anti-discrimination clause in applications for financing under the Central Mortgage Corporation. There are others, all of which are applicable in Quebec.

Despite all these protective devices which are found in model Human Rights codes, there are wide gaps in our system and a box score would show Quebec to be behind Ontario's concern for civil rights and protection for its population. Also, it is advantageous to encapsulate all legislation into one act as is the case in most provinces.

Again, unless there is a Commission to implement the code and to which an aggrieved person can apply for relief, Human Rights legislation often becomes a dead letter. The conclusion is that, while Quebec is not a waste land in Human Rights, there is room for many additional protective laws. All should be in one statute and a Commission must be established to protect the community. One caveat must be entered -- without general goodwill from the majority of the population, violations will occur whatever regulatory bodies are created.

It is interesting to note that historically Quebec (then Lower Canada) did in 1832 pass the famous law enabling people to sit for the legislature without having to take the Christian oath and a Freedom of Worship Act was legislated in 1851.

The purpose of this letter is merely to give more information on the subject-matter so as to eliminate an impression that the Province of Quebec is completely without Human Rights legislation.

Saul Hayes,
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Canadian Jewish Congress,
Montreal

Writer criticizes non-Jewish aspect of Chanukah party held at synagogue

By ALEX CRAMER

TORONTO -

Recently, I visited Beth Tzedec Congregation to look at the Cecil Roth Collection of Jewish Arts. There, on display, in glass cases are old talliths, wine goblets, silver trays, old torahs and so forth. It is a magnificent collection. However, on leaving I was rather depressed. Why?

Beside one of the display cases there was a notice on the bulletin board announcing a Chanukah party, put on by the Beth Tzedec Men's Club. Guests for the occasion would be several hockey players from the Toronto Toros. Also the notice announced that Chanukah gifts for the children would include record albums by Diana Ross and the Jackson 5.

I read the notice a couple of times. Was this a Chanukah party? Was it really to take place here in the synagogue? That's what it said: on Dec. 19, there would be a Chanukah party in the banquet room of the Beth Tzedec.

Very good, but I wondered just what was the idea of having several hockey players from the Toronto Toros come to the synagogue for a "Chanukah" party. First of all, none of the athletes is Jewish and what exactly does professional hockey have to do with Chanukah? Might we expect, then, for this year's Purim Party several professional wrestlers? Or how about a dozen girls from the Canadian Roller Derby team in complete uniform?

How ironical that rabbis who decry assimilation and intermarriage with clocklike regularity should serve in synagogue which secularize Judaism so blatantly. These same rabbis and their synagogue members unwittingly lay the foundations for assimilation.

By permitting such "Chanukah" parties, they secularize our religion and emasculate its real significance. Of course these rabbis don't see it. They only see the problem when a Jew marries a non-Jew. They read the statistics of intermarriage and shake their heads. Or else they look at synagogue attendance and complain against apathy and assimilation. But they never see the paths which lead to assimilation. Certainly, they ignore their own role in this process. By being "modern" and "lax", they encourage this and cheapen Judaism and their houses of worship at the same time.

For instance in the "Chanukah" party I am referring to, I wonder which aspects of Judaism, if any, are transmitted to the Beth Tzedec members and their children? When the Gentile hockey players leave the Beth Tzedec, what have they learned about Jews? I suspect very little; they go home with the thought that Jews are "regular guys." A fine impression!

It is interesting to note that the Chanukah gifts for the children were records by Diana Ross, the Jackson 5, etc. And the etc.? Probably the Partridge Family, the Osmond Brothers, the Carpenters, ad nauseum. Of course it would be too much to expect as Chanukah gifts records by Israeli and Jewish artists such as Shoshana Damari, Geula Gill, Itamar, Shlomo Carlebach, Yaffa Yarkoni and others. Or perhaps we might have had children's books by Isaac Bashevis Singer, Sholom Aleichem and other Jewish writers?

Some of you will explain that the reason the Toronto Toros were invited to Beth Tzedec was to create better understanding between Christians and Jews. On the face of it, this sounds like a good enough reason, but actually this argument is very weak.

First of all every Canadian Jew has two aspects to his personality. As a Canadian he is often a member of various non-denominational organizations such as professional, trade, labor, community, political, charitable, cultural, educational, and other groups. Here he meets Gentiles face to face and usually Jews are in the minority in these organizations. However it is here that Gentiles can see Jews are "regular guys." Similarly at work with Gentile colleagues, clients or superiors, they can see Jews are "good fellows."

So it is really quite redundant to bring Gentiles to synagogues to celebrate their athletic prowess or pay homage to their talent, when instead Jews should be looking to their own community to see what makes it unique.

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Magic beard is symbol of Apter Shteeble

By J.B. SALSBERG

(Last of a Series)

So there we were, midway through a winter's evening of "learning" in the Apter Shteeble, enjoying the tea and semi-edible fruit which the shamus managed to collect for us in the neighborhood stores. For me, the young lad among the group of middle-aged, lonely, old world men, whose families were still in the "old country," for me the tea-break was the highlight of each such evening.

But if the evening's recess became a memorable event for me it was not because it offered a relaxation from a long stretch of mental concentration. For as I remember the studies of that winter they called for no special mental effort. Nor did the pleasure of the tea-interlude derive from the delights which the frozen or half-rotten apples offered the palate. It was the conversation during the tea-break and the fascinating things of the past that those conversations illuminated for my eager eyes that impressed themselves forever on my mind.

If the dimly-lit Apter Shteeble on Centre Avenue with its group around the table was a transplanted part of an Eastern European small shtetle, then the mid-evening conversations during the tea siesta amounted to a transportation of the shteeble and its people back to the "old country."

What did those strangers to a bewildering new world talk about? It was mainly about the past, a past that now appeared blazingly colored and attractive to them. They talked about their wives and children; about the Sabbath and holiday atmosphere "at home," in contrast with here; about the sacred dedication to learning Torah and they related wondrous tales of their respective Chassidic rabbis. They also expressed bitter disillusionment with "America" which meant all the Centre Avenues in all the cities of North America.

Because of their uncompromising adherence to Orthodoxy (which meant: wearing a beard and strict observance of the Sabbath), their work opportunities were severely restricted. So many of those in the group at the Apter Shteeble were obliged to become either rag peddlers or rag-pickers in Jewish-owned rag shops. Their income was tragically small and they existed on a pittance in order to save a few dollars for the families they left behind. The evening's conversation often led to conclusions they must go "back home" (as soon as they save a few dollars) because "one can't be a Jew here" where the children were bound to grow up as "goyim".

And so the tea-breaks at the shteeble oscillated between "the old country" and Canada; between the wonders and mysteries of the past and the cold, frightening reality of the present. There was one frequent visitor to the small circle that symbolized the situation of most, if not all, at the table.

He was a slight, slim, older man with a rather short, grey beard. (At least it was short when I first saw him enter the room.) He would enter the shteeble later than most, would remove his oversized, second hand overcoat and Derby hat and occupy a chair at the end of the table. I never actually saw him open a book but he would, after pouring himself a glass of tea, show signs of listening to those who discussed the text of their study aloud. Then he would begin his ritual. I was positively transfixed by it when I first beheld it.

It seemed the old gentleman came from a long line of master tailors. He learned his trade from his father and, like his forebearers, he struggled at it to support his wife and children. Another family trait was the unusual length and luxury of their beards. It was the pride of the old gentleman, as it was of his father and grandfather before him.

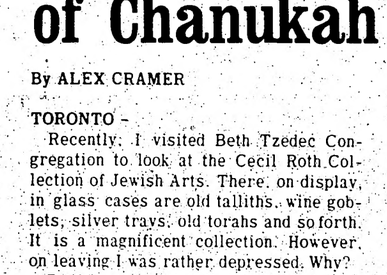
When circumstances forced him to "America" -- actually Toronto -- it was natural for him to seek employment in his own trade. But he soon found that when his pride and joy -- his long beard -- was not a hindrance to getting a job, it was the cause of either cruel ridicule or prankish annoyance. He eventually found his own solution to the problem: Without, Heaven forbid, cutting his beloved beard he found he could bring it to a generally acceptable length by rolling it back, with the aid of hair pins, almost to his chin and secure it in that position for as long as desired.

On the evenings the old, bearded tailor entered the shteeble his beard was short as required for work purposes. But when he crossed the threshold of the shteeble he left "America" behind him. He was in his shteeble again. So after the first sip of tea he would begin to unroll his beard from its humiliating confinement. Hair pins would come out and the beard would drop to lower and lower levels. Finally it reached its full, majestic size and he sat, for the balance of the evening, fondly stroking and straightening the liberated symbol of his "Yiddishkeit" and his former self.

When the evening neared its end our little tailor sadly began to imprison his beloved beard again. The magic spell was over. Short-bearded and somewhat smaller he joined the others in donning second hand winter coats and hats. The light was turned off by the shamus. The old country suddenly vanished and they re-entered the dark, unfriendly world into which an unkind fate has brought them.

The Apter Shteeble was now dark and the streets and crowded shacks, to which these men turned, were not much brighter.

Good following inspires rabbi



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vo'Ayro --- Hayn Bnai Yisroel Lo sham'u ayly -- Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened to me.

Moses would have trouble holding a pulpit as a rabbi today. He was no orater -- in fact, he stammered. When he went to the Jews of his day and told them that G-d had sent him to redeem them from Egypt, they rejected him. Moses went back to the Almighty and cried: "If my own people won't listen to me, how will I get the mighty Pharaoh to listen!"

This teaches an important lesson. The power of a Jewish leader to influence others spiritually is derived from the inspiration he receives from his own congregation and followers. When Moses saw that his own people were turned off by his vision of the Almighty -- that G-d is the master of the universe, who demands freedom -- how could the Pharaoh be influenced! Too often today, Jews wait passively to be inspired by their spiritual leaders. But the truth is the rabbis and leaders will themselves rise to a higher level of holiness and fervor if they see members of their congregations praying with fervor, studying Torah, performing an abundance of good deeds. (Sefat Emet).

Because when we have truly inspired leaders, there is no telling what a powerful, good influence they can have. For example, Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh and asked to lead the Jews in a great celebration to G-d. Pharaoh scoffed . . . what business do these ignorant slaves, who are closer to animals than men, have with G-d . . . Moses and Aaron took their holy rod, which had the Ineffable Name **Shem haMefurah** carved on it, and cast it before Pharaoh, where it turned into a serpent. Moses said: "This staff has G-d's name on it. When it's in your presence it turns into an ugly serpent. But when I lay my hands on it, it returns to its holiness."

The Jewish people, both in the time of Moses and in our own day, were and are a holy people. The Ineffable Name is carved on our **neshamas**. But the environment plays nasty tricks sometimes, turning the staff of G-d into something less. I am thinking particularly of a number of tragic cases which have come to my attention in just the last few weeks, where families have been shattered because of drug problems. Their youngsters were seriously harmed by the environment they live in.

There is only one thing that can reverse the process. When the Jewish soul, that of adults and youth alike, is put into the hands of a Moses . . . when a Jew attaches himself to the close and frank guidance of a sensitive, spiritual and observant Jew, then the Holy Name reappears strongly.

The close relationship between master and disciple is exemplified by this tale about the Baal Shem Tov. The saintly rabbi used to take an exceptionally long time to pray the silent **Shmoneh Esray**. His disciples were curious to see what took him so long, so they decided one day that they would all finish their prayers quickly, so they could study his actions. But strangely, just a few minutes after they completed their prayers, their rabbi also finished his prayers -- in only a fraction of his usual time.

The Baal Shem Tov explained: there was once a man who wanted to pick a fruit that was high up in a tree. So he called all his friends, and together they formed a pyramid, which the man climbed. Suddenly, one of the men on the bottom of the pyramid walked away, and the whole pyramid collapsed. The man on top was forced to jump down. "My heights," he continued, "I reach from your shoulders." May his zchut protect us all. Shabbat Shalom.

Organizations and People

By MIRIAM HERMAN

what's new...

SOVIET JEWRY MEETING

A prominent official from New York with vast experience regarding Soviet Jewry will lecture and discuss methods and the effects of social and political pressure on Russian authorities at a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Sponsored by the Women for Soviet Jewry, the meeting will be at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, Bathurst St., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Organizations interested in working towards the rescue of Soviet Jewry are urged to send representatives to the meeting. The event is under the chairmanship of Phyllis Sugar. (The speaker's name cannot be released for security reasons.)

BOYS TOWN JERUSALEM

Boys Town Jerusalem has opened a national office in Toronto to publicize BTJ activities and to develop a scholarship program in Canada. The office, at 121 Old Forest Hill Rd., is manned by Bernie Mandell, newly appointed executive-director of The Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem. Regional branches are also being set up across the country. BTJ is the largest technical high school in Israel, where students, many of them recent Soviet arrivals, live and study in their own self-contained town. There is a BTJ film available for showings to groups -- with or without a speaker. Just call the new BTJ office.

BBYO 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Since the first chapter was founded in Omaha, Neb., in 1924, this worldwide youth movement has grown to a membership of 50,000 boys and girls of high school age, 3,000 of them in Canada. The Southern Ontario Region kicked-off a series of celebrations at a meeting last Sunday. Guest speaker was Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman, a former Torontonian now serving a Manhattan congregation who is an alumnus and past president of Aleph Zadek Aleph, (the boy's side of the organization). Another alumnus, Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey, is honorary chairman of the anniversary. Celebrations will culminate in an international reunion in Chicago in May.

BETH SHOLOM STUDY WEEKEND

A weekend of study with Dr. Morris Mandel, writer, psychologist and Torah scholar, begins this evening at Beth Sholom Synagogue. At the Sisterhood Oneg Shabbat, tonight at 8 p.m., he will be discussing **The Role of the Jewish Woman as Wife and Mother**. Saturday, Dr. Mandel delivers the morning sermon on **Psychology and the Bible** and at the M'laveh Malka at 8 p.m. he will be talking about **Does Judaism Allow for a Change? A Psychological Point of View** (Singles 21-35 are especially invited to this session.) On Sunday morning at the Brotherhood Tefillin and Breakfast Club, Dr. Mandel concludes with a discussion on **Challenge of Married Life**.

CAMP MASSAD REUNION

The annual Camp Massad reunion is set for Sunday, Jan. 20, from 2-5 p.m. The fun begins with ice skating at Baycrest Arena followed at 3:30 p.m. by a social at the Associated Hebrew Schools, Bathurst St.

SYMPOSIUM FOR STUDENTS

Generation Gap -- Fact or Fiction is the theme of a symposium taking place at an Oneg Shabbat at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue this evening at 8:30 p.m. The symposium is geared to Jewish college and senior high school students and features Professor Harvey Narrol, associate professor of applied psychology at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education; Professor Louis Levine, University of Toronto Oriental studies department, and Mrs. Morton Rubin, teacher.

YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COURSE

Young Women's Leadership is presenting another orientation program similar to the one held in November. This new series is being held in the evening to make the course available to those women who cannot attend afternoon meetings. The five lectures, designed to inform young women about Toronto's Jewish community and organizations, began this week and will run on Tuesday evenings through to Feb. 12. For further information, contact Min Harris at 363-7190.

MISSON'S TRIP TELEVISED

A half hour film **Israel -- The Yom Kippur War**, will be featured on CFTO-TV, Channel 9, at 10 p.m. Jan. 26. It tells the story of Israel as seen through the eyes of the UJA President's Mission, which was in Israel early in December.

The film was produced and is narrated by Keith Morrison of CFTO, who accompanied the mission to Israel.

Sets up drama group

Retired executive lives for Shakespeare

By BRIAN STONEMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO -

For 70-year-old Louis Green, the play is now the thing -- Shakespeare's to be specific.

Green, who had a successful career in the men's clothing industry, directs a weekly meeting in his North York home of 10 young drama enthusiasts. They are attempting to get senior citizens involved in the project, which Green considers on a higher cultural plateau than the bingo-type activities prevalent among senior citizen's clubs.

"The elderly have much left on their mental shelves. All it needs is some sort of lead," the retired production manager and designer told **The Canadian Jewish News** recently.

A lover also of opera, classical music, philosophy and writing, Green has spent $120 of his pension money during the past three months trying to provide this lead. Newspaper advertisements have gathered the nucleus of young people around him but his ultimate goal has been elusive.

His wish is to complement youth with an equal number of senior citizens, which would make them eligible for a New Horizons Program grant. Funding would provide the aptly named Louis Green Shakespearean Group with a practice hall, costumes (if necessary), drama books and administration expenses.

"I am not letting go of this . . . This is going to be my life's work," Green, who was widowed six years ago, said emphatically.

His love for Shakespeare he attributes to an experience he had as a 12-year-old living in London, England. Green, visibly affected by the recollection, said he performed poorly at a school audition of **Julius Caesar** and consequently retired to a secluded park the next day for rehearsal.

Retired clothing industry executive Louis Green explains to Paulina Brecher some of the finer points of Shakespeare. He directs a weekly meeting of drama enthusiasts in his North York home. He hopes to get more senior citizens involved. (David Groskind)

There he met "George", who upon noticing his book of Julius Caesar, offered to read with him. Afterwards the stranger assured him of success at the next audition; he was right and Green was chosen as Cassius, later receiving rave reviews in the local press.

About a year later, Green continued, while reading a newspaper in bed, he recognized "George" as George Bernard Shaw, Irish dramatist and critic who won the Nobel prize in literature in 1925. "I almost fell out of bed," Green laughed.

This love he retained when he immigrated to Canada in 1952, leaving a similar drama group he directed behind, when he retired at age 65 from his long held position as federal government supervisor on clothing contracts and when he retired again recently as a fitter and designer for a local firm.

"I wish I had taken Shakespearean acting up professionally because I would have done all right . . . I would have made my mark," Green said.

The progress of his drama group, he said, is gratifying. "When they first came here they just read the lines but lately it is really coming alive . . . So immersed have they become that concerts will soon be performed at hospitals, senior citizen's clubs, synagogues and churches."

Rapport with the group's members, exemplified by their phoning him after each meeting to assure him of their safe arrival home, is a "psychological diamond," said Green.

Much of his remaining time is spent fighting the cause of those he sees wrongly treated. His letters, dealing with many areas, frequently appear in local newspapers.

He will also soon recite a Longfellow play at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's offices for possible future airing.

As a result, said Green, "my retiring years hold no terrors."

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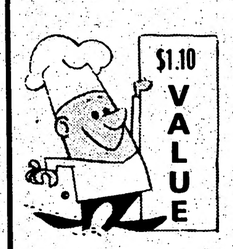

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...about people

Prime Minister Meir greets Daniel Monson, president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, in Jerusalem. Monson, who is also a vice-president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, was part of a UIA executive mission. Centre is Thomas Hecht, UIA president.

During a recent visit to Toronto from London England, where he is dean of Jews College, **Rabbi Nahum L. Rabinovitch** was feted at a luncheon given in his honor by the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth and officers of the Orthodox division. On hand to greet Clanton Park Synagogue's former spiritual leader were Congress officials **David Satok** and **Saul Sigler** as well as **Rabbi Gedalia Felder**, chairman of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, and **Nachman Shemen**, the director. The luncheon gave Rabbi Rabinovitch a chance to discuss the Jewish community in England as compared to Canada with his colleagues.

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And speaking of another former Torontonian -- A new Dial-in-Distress project at Bar-Ilan University was spearheaded by ex-Torontonian **Professor Ben Lappin**, head of the School of Social Work there. The project, successfully undertaken in the U.S. but a first for Israel, provides around-the-clock help -- not only telephone counselling, but arranging for personal visits and referrals to other agencies as well. Most of the calls on the "hot line" are a direct result of the war. According to Professor Lappin, who had lectured at University of Toronto and had been executive director of Central Region of Congress, this is the first time, anywhere, that telephone counselling has been attempted in war-time.

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The world of music . . . Following on a career as a freelance music and theatre critic, and publicist (at one time or another) for Theatre Ontario, Stratford, and the Canadian Theatre Centre in Toronto, **Harvey Chusid** becomes director of publicity and public relations for the Canadian Opera Company, as of Feb. 1. No stranger to Canadian opera -- he was associate editor of **Opera Canada**, the magazine published by the Canadian Opera Co. -- he was commissioned to write an anthology of biographies of Canadian opera singers soon to be published.

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About women . . . At last week's annual meeting of the Women's Federation of Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal, **Mrs. Joseph Waxman** stepped into the organization's top leadership post, succeeding **Mrs. J.A. Lyone Heppner** who served a two-year term as president . . . When **Norma Levitt**, immediate past president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, was named a vice-chairman of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, she became the first woman officer in the 100-year history of that Reform body.

NCSY sponsors art exhibit

voice of youth

By YAACOV HONIG

The Group of Seven painters are the best known artists Canada has ever produced. And when one has the opportunity to view their work it can be an exhilarating experience. The National Conference of Synagogue Youth, under the sponsorship of the Ontario Chapter of Women's Branch UOJCA, will be holding an art exhibit and sale, featuring the Group of Seven and dozens of other well-known and upcoming Canadian and Israeli artists. Donations will be accepted at the door and refreshments will be served. A nursery will be provided for younger children over the age of five. The exhibit will be held at 98 Baycrest Ave. corner Ameer, across the street for Sir Sanford Fleming High School on Sunday, Feb. 3 between noon and 6 p.m. A door prize will be awarded.

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Stan Garnet, 28, who switched from teaching to business, is now the owner of a picture frame store. Here Garnet is shown with customer Mrs. Zena Suchter as she considers what framing material to use around her needlepoint work.

Framing pot lids an unexpected aid to entrepreneur's far-reaching goal

By BRIAN STONEMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO -

Stan Garnet may not have envisaged framing pot lids when he opened the first of his three-store chain, The Frame Up, in November of 1971. But if the 28-year-old entrepreneur discovers any vacuum in such areas of artistic expression, as he did recently with pots, he will not hesitate to fill the need.

"To be able to create something a little different and know people enjoy my work," Garnet told **The Canadian Jewish News** recently, "is my greatest satisfaction."

This policy has catapulted him into the driver's seat of this city's largest custom picture framing service. From a part-time basement operation in which he was the sole employee, Garnet has guided the firm to sales of $50,000 (1972), $150,000 (1973) with between $325,000 and $400,000 projected for this year. He now employs 18 workers with an additional three hired to begin work at the end of this month and a fourth store will open within six to eight months.

Quite a start for the ambitious Temple Sinai member but he underlines the word start. He will be content only when The Frame Up is a household word synonymous with framing. "In fact, I can be presumptuous about this success," Garnet said.

While operating The Frame Up in his parents' basement, Garnet worked in public relations and sales for what was then Toronto's largest picture frame manufacturer. It wasn't long, though, before ambition seized him, and he began manufacturing plastic picture frames; an undertaking that bankrupted him because it "was about six to eight months ahead of its time . . . It was about that much later that the larger companies went into this."

While he bombed out in the plastic frame business, his basement sideline was mushrooming. "In 1970, I started realizing the extent it was growing," he said. "I couldn't supply people with wall decorations besides framing and ran into the problem of bringing people to store showrooms. To provide these services myself, I opened my first store." As insurance, he retained the sales job he returned to after his first business failed.

Much of his success he credits to his shop-at-home service, initiated when The Frame Up was still a sideline. "We are the only ones who do custom framing at peoples homes as far as co-ordinating it with decor."

Such complementing of his frames has created about one quarter of the firm's sales. Lithographs, graphics, prints and framed pictures sold include copies of works by Chagall, Vasarely, Picasso, Powell and Spencer. Ironically, the chain now does a booming business with plastic frames.

It wasn't until Garnet opened his second store in January of last year that he was able to take a breather and quit his sales job. Now he just works 12-hour days, six days a week. Saturdays he works a few hours less and recently he even quit working Sundays.

Garnet, who lives with his wife and two children (another is expected) in Thornhill, feels fortunate in this respect. "My wife understands and appreciates what it takes to make a business go," he said. He compared his wife, Evie, a former worker at his stores and presently a sounding board for new ideas, to a play's stage crew which works hard but gets little recognition.

With this support and that of his parents -- his electrician father helps set up the stores and his mother, following up her assistance with his basement operation, manages one store -- how can the self-professed artist and craftsman lose? Listening to him speak, it sounds simple. First, they systematically expand within this city until it is locked up and then expand across Canada.

"We are doing things that are shocking the picture framing industry," Garnet claimed. And he seems right.

Will accommodate growing interests of 'Bnai Torah'

Aliyah community being developed

TORONTO -

An interesting new community is being developed to accommodate the growing interests of "Bnai Torah" interested in settling in Israel, says the Israel Aliyah Centre.

It is centrally located between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem amid the beautiful, gently rolling hills of the town of Modiin, which has a rich historical heritage as the home of the renowned Maccabees. The new community is being put together by a co-ordinating group called HaMerkaz.

HaMerkaz offers many advantages and opportunities for people who want to have a hand in building the land and organizing a community in a true Torah environment, says Israel Aliyah. It will be self contained and self-sufficient, with private houses for young families as well as planned apartment units with efficiency apartments which will be made available to those families that wish to have their retired parents join them.

A Bais Medresh has already been established as the first group of houses, with some families already residing in the community. Shopping centres, recreational areas, essential services, and educational facilities are being developed. The second group of homes will be completed in approximately two years, leaving enough time for families considering settlement to make their plans.

The economy of Modiin is based on both agricultural development as well as light industry with an eye on export. Opportunities exist in every area for skilled and semi-skilled workers, and for professional people. The government, deeply interested in this unusual and welcome community, is providing all possible assistance to insure its success. Modiin is inviting both potential community members and business investors to explore and participate in its development.

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Ambulances for Israel

The Yom Kippur War left in its wake the tragic consequence of thousands of casualties. Ambulances are urgently needed and the Shedlitz-Lookover Society, under the leadership of President L. Hertzberg and Vice-President I. Kopyto, is providing the funds for an ambulance in the name of the organization. Nat Greenspan, Welfare Fund Chairman of the Sunnyside Lodge I.O.O.F. also pledged an ambulance -- the third one which his organization has purchased for the Jewish State. And one individual, Mr. Siegfried Protter, who lost a brother in Israel, has generously responded to this need by donating an ambulance dedicated to his brother's memory.

Kupat Holim

There is little need to elaborate again upon the indispensability of Israel's major medical service, the Kupat Holim of Histadrut. Its 16 major hospitals and 1,100 clinics, as well as serving the medical needs of the general public, are now at the disposal of the war casualties. Funds are urgently needed to provide the drugs and medical equipment to heal and rehabilitate our wounded heroes. Immediately after the war a campaign was launched for Kupat Holim and the first $10,000 was raised by the United Organizations for Histadrut, Mr. Sam Bierstone President and Vice Presidents B. Goldglass and H. Mandelbaum -- and its Women's Council, of which Mrs. Minna Peters is President, Mrs. Ruth Gutholc Vice-President. Many organizations and individuals who contribute to the Histadrut Campaign are making a special contribution over and above their regular donations to enable Kupat Holim to carry on its great humanitarian tasks. One of these, the Raoul Wallenberg Committee which recently built a wing in the Siroka Hospital in the Negev which is closest to the Sinai front lines, is again raising funds for Kupat Holim with the help of Vice-Chairman Niklos Hill and Committee Secretary Mrs. Lily Frank.

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Saturday, January 19th, 1974, 8:45 a.m., Morning Sermon: "Psychology of the Bible".
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Israel—great gathering place for youth

JERUSALEM -

"I am coming back here next year. I am going to convince my parents how great Israel really is, so they might decide to tour the country while I stay at the youth camp," says Arnie Imber of Stamford, Connecticut.

"I love it, to live with all these kids from different backgrounds. Israel is a great meeting place for kids from all over," says Ellen Adler, 17, who lives in New Jersey. The girl from India, the boy from Russia, the girl from Holland, and the boy from Ramat Gan, Israel all agree with that sentiment.

These young people have had the unique opportunity of spending a summer in a youth village in Israel. Closely resembling the kibbutz (collective farm) in facilities and style of life, the youth village is populated and run by young people with a staff of capable counselors and teachers. During the summer, part of the youngsters go home, making room for teenagers from abroad. All regular activities continue, with special classes in Hebrew and trips to all parts of the country added for the visitors from abroad.

The youth villages boast modern club houses, swimming pools and sports fields, and facilities for ceramics, glass blowing, and woodwork with capable instructors. The average day is quite long in the youth villages, with several hours devoted to farming activities, classes in Hebrew language and Jewish history, workshops and evenings filled with song, dance and kumsitz (an Israeli campfire).

Complaints are rarely heard, even from youngsters who are not used to working hard. In most cases a real sense of community develops among the youngsters, despite the fact they come from more than 15 different countries, and that they usually stay for less than eight weeks.

There are now 30 youth villages in Israel. Each accepts between 200 and 500 youngsters between the ages of 15 and 18. Participants must stay a minimum of two weeks and special arrangements are made to take teenagers whose parents are touring the country. All applications must be processed through the ministry of tourism and forms and information can be obtained by writing to the Youth and Students Department, Ministry of Tourism, 24 King George St., Jerusalem, Israel.

The youth village provides a real departure from the standard tour or summer camp experience open to most teenagers. But it is not the only unconventional alternative that Israel offers. Programs designed to introduce young people to other unique aspects of Israeli life range from four weeks to eight weeks in length and cost anywhere from $800 to $1,500.

An opportunity to live on Moshav Habonim, a small holder co-operative village near Caesarea, is offered by Eastours Scholastic Journeys. The program includes field trips to all parts of the country combined with work on the moshav farm and the nearby excavations of a Crusader fort. Classes in conversational Hebrew are offered, and a lively program of sports, folkdancing and singing, together with the moshav youth, is scheduled.

This program, for teens 14 - 16, lasts 45 days and is a great introduction to Israel through the moshav experience. Information on this and other youth programs can be obtained through Eastours, 1140 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

A touring camp for American teenagers interested in a strictly observant atmosphere is offered by Educational and Recreational Associates, at Camp Tel Shalom. The camp moves between three different sites in Israel, near Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Galilee, and offers classes, sports activities and sightseeing throughout all of Israel for a total of six weeks. The camp offers an American type program, but in the setting of Israel. The sightseeing program is conducted in small groups of 10 or 12 with a leader, to make it more exciting to youngsters.

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Kosher meals

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cil. Therefore, it was resolved to request all establishments to co-operate by offering such meals to patients of the Jewish faith, at the time of their admission. The council considers this service to be a right which all members of the Jewish faith can exercise."

Berger, one of four Jewish members sitting on the 21-member council, said arrangements will be made to cater kosher meals when a request has been issued.

The Montreal council's position on kashruth represents an important indication in the way the Jewish character and its traditional aspects are viewed by the governing body, which was established to conform to the new law Chapter 48.

Health and Social Services Chapter 48 is the act which re-organizes and democratizes the provinces care institutions. The Jewish community, however, had developed a sophisticated care network, and certain questions arising out of Chapter 48's implementation could only be answered with time.

According to Berger, Claude Castonguay, former minister of health and social services, extended verbal assurances on matters relating to specific Jewish needs.

"The question was always how to implement (Jewish requirements) if it became necessary," said Berger.

The kashruth principle adopted by the council is a major instance where Jewish rights -- although not written into law -- are protected by the organization which oversees the operation of every care establishment on the islands and in two suburbs.

Immigrants

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balance where the letter of the law is tempered with humanitarian considerations."

We must consider, Kage said, Canada's capacity to receive immigrants and how fast we want our population to grow; what proportion of unskilled as opposed to skilled immigrants our economy requires; what our responsibility is to be toward refugees and other victims of persecution.

In an explanatory statement issued in September, 1973, Manpower and Immigration Minister Robert Andras noted that such changes are necessary in view of the fact that "immigration in the future will crucially affect and determine Canada's economic, social, cultural and demographic growth."

The current act dates from 1952. "It was formulated," said the immigration minister, "in the spirit of the years after World War II, and its roots are really in legislation shaped by the conditions and problems existing in this country at the turn of the century."

Andras has set the end of 1975, or the beginning of 1976, as a tentative target date for the completion of the new act.

In the meantime, invitations have been extended to provincial governments, organizations and individuals to submit their views and proposals.

These will result in the formulation of a "Green Paper," to be issued in the spring of 1974, which will serve as a focal point for public discussion and a subsequent national conference on immigration.

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Among the principal participants at the opening of the 25th biennial Hadassah convention were (from left) Mrs. A.A. Keenberg, Winnipeg, convention co-chairman; Theodor Meron, Israel ambassador to Canada, Mrs. B.M. Bloomfield, Montreal, national president, Rachel Limon, Max Fisher and Mrs. I. Schacter, Winnipeg, co-chairman.

Shalom program expanded

TORONTO -

The Zionist Organization of Canada's weekly one hour color television show **Shalom** will now be seen regularly in St. Catharines and London.

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The development has meant a facelifting for the Yarkon Street area. The street was the heartline of peal as the city centre moved inwards. The new hotels have given the area a new lease on life.

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Simon continues to probe the underside of comedy

By JENIVA BERGER

These days it's popular to knock Neil Simon. It's easy, too. What other playwright offers himself up for sacrifice on the commercial market so often? Not that Simon has suffered. For every counter-establishment intellectual who sneers at his popularity, there lurks 10 paying customers who'd walk a mile to laugh at what Simon says.

The Sunshine Boys, the most current of Simon's solid gold hits now playing at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, should please his fans immensely. And for all the rest, his agility in churning out the snappy one-liners, to construct situations neatly, and to get at the nub of human frailties, are holding up well.

This Simon play is one of the better ones to come along in the last while.

Certainly the laughs are plentiful. They start as soon as the curtain rises on a run down one-room apartment where Willie Clark, an ex-vaudevillian encroaching on senility occupies his days watching soap operas on television. Willie's hypertonic but well meaning nephew arrives bringing him his weekly copy of **Variety**, forbidden cigars and tasteless soup, along with a money-making scheme to team him up again with his old partner, Al Lewis, for a one shot television special. Willie makes no bones about his personal distaste for his ex whom he hasn't spoken to in 11 years. "As an actor no one could touch him, as a human being no one wanted to touch him," he snarls.

But Willie's agent-nephew wins out, and touch they do in a manner of speaking; snarling, sniping, scissoring away at each other's weak spots. They hadn't been partners for 43 years for nothing. When they finally make it to the station's dress rehearsal, after an aborted but hilarious attempt to recreate their classic Doctor's Sketch in the apartment, Willie is felled by a heart attack when his churlishness gets the best of him. Their television reunion is scuttled, but not, as it turns out, their remaining days together. The curtain falls as the Sunshine Boys wrangle, Willie propped up in his sick bed and Al, his expensive hat in hand bought by an affluent daughter who's packing him off to a home for old actors.

Funny-sad? Of course. Simon has been probing comedy's serious underside since **Gingerbread Lady** and **The Prisoner of Second Avenue**. But **Sunshine Boys** is much more satisfying than those two, probably because it's humane without being a nag about it.

Though there's no logical reason you should feel close to two old burlesque performers, you do. Willie and Al's vulnerabilities, more manifest in their testiness and defensive humor, are in good hands with chemist Simon who knows what to do in the lab with laughs and truths. What he's saying beneath the "always leave them laughing" routines, is that the toughest house to play is the one at the end of the road.

'Sparkling history of chess'

By BERNARD BASKIN

Grandmasters Of Chess
by Harold C. Schonberg

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Almost all chess geniuses begin as child prodigies and tend to develop monstrous egos as the years go by. The infuriating Bobby Fischer was not unique, merely the last in a long line of hyper-sensitive and insufferable performers.

The author, well-known music critic for the **New York Times**, has written a sparkling history of modern chess with special reference to the outstanding personalities, the spectacular tournaments, and the alternating currents of public indifference and high emotion. The first international tournament was not held until 1851, and in the early days, before a time limit was established, a single move could take as long as two and a half hours.

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They are all here: the amazing Paul Morphy who came out of nowhere to astound the chess world, only to crack under the strain; Jose Capablanca, "the chess machine," who played over 700 games in his long career and lost only 35; Emanuel Lasker, the imperturbable physician, who played with the psychological weaknesses of his opponents uppermost in mind; Samuel Reshevsky who was already a formidable adversary at the age of seven, and Bobby Fischer who made chess a "big-time" sport and popular as never before.

A mystery mentioned but not explored is why so many of the great players have been Jewish. Do Jews have an ethnic knack or aptitude for the game?

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An outstanding campaigner for over four decades, Brown's first fund-raising participation took place in 1929, at the age of 21, with the Jewish General Hospital.

The noted philanthropist has played a key role in virtually every capital funds campaign for community agencies and the annual Combined Jewish Appeal campaigns.

He is the former president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, a past-president of Allied Jewish Community Services, and he recently stepped down as the founder president of Caldwell Terraces, the agency responsible for low-rental housing for the elderly.

The Man of the Year Award of Israel Bonds is presented on an annual basis to an outstanding Canadian who has demonstrated the high ideals of devotion to his fellow man during his lifetime.

Brown joins an elite group, members of whom include the late Prime Minister of Canada Louis St. Laurent, the late Samuel Bronfman, Allan Bronfman, Sam Steinberg, Lorne Greene, Samuel Moskovitch, Henry Blatt, William Gittes, Arthur Pascal, Morley Cohen, and Sam Reitman.

Born in Odessa in 1908, his childhood years were spent experiencing a violent era in Russian Jewish history -- before war and revolution.

"I was brought up in a traditional family where we did a lot of praying," he told **The Canadian Jewish News** in a recent interview, "and it was a period in my young life that made me realize what my parents were praying for . . . the creation of the state of Israel . . . We saw no future for Jewish life in Russia."

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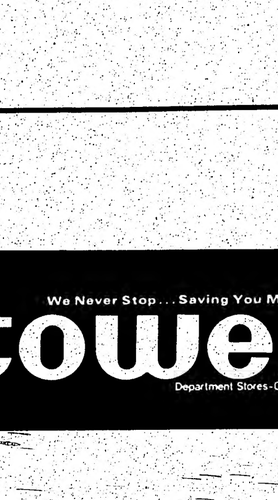

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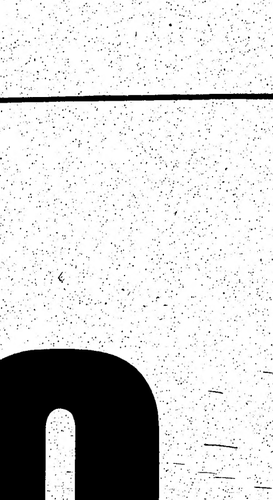

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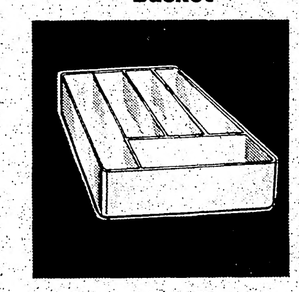

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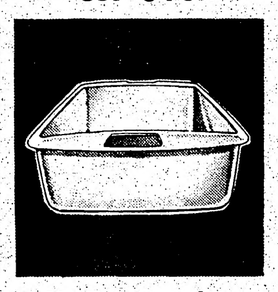

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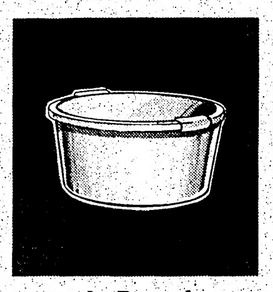

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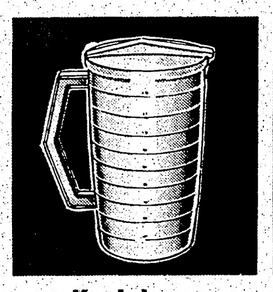

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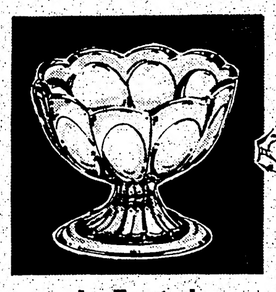

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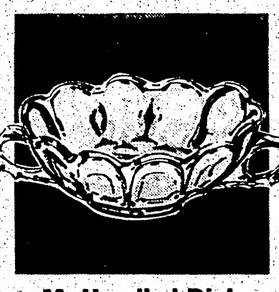

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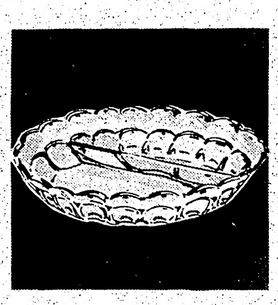

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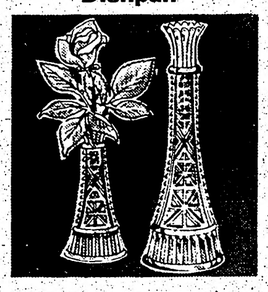

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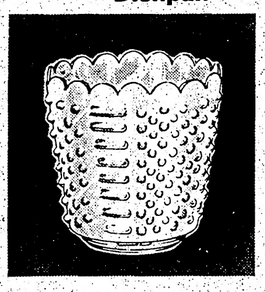

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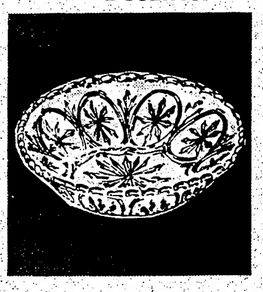

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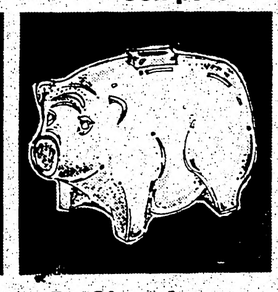
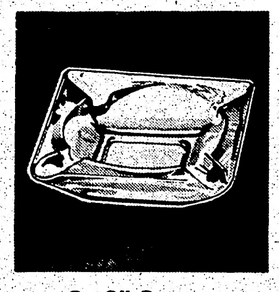


R. Glass Aztec Piggy Bank



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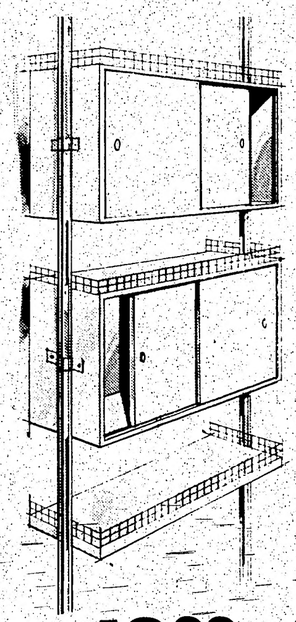

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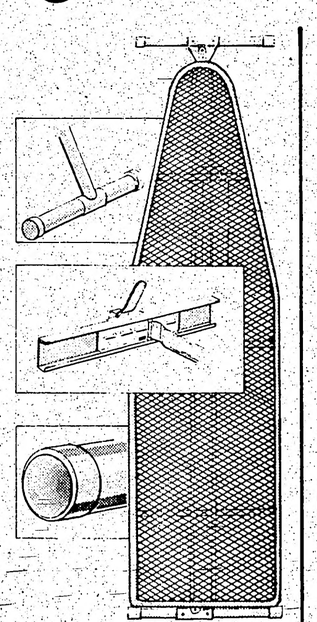

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7 Pce. Cookware Set

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